

HUMR 5702 Human Rights and Sustainable Development: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Theory and Practices (Winter 2018)

Mid-term paper, February 25 – March 6 2019

Please answer **one** of the following three questions:

Question 1

Give a presentation and discussion of the right to development as a human right. Refer to the UN Declaration on the Right to Development and literature in the Syllabus that discusses the RtD.

Then present the *Endorois case* and explain why the African Human Rights Commission found article 22 of the African Charter of Humans and People's Right on the right to development to be violated in the case. Was this a good decision from the perspective of human rights law? Give arguments that support your position.

Please find the full text of the *Endorois case* here

<http://www.achpr.org/communications/decision/276.03/>

Find the official text of the Un Declaration on the Right to Development here

<http://www.un.org/documents/ga/res/41/a41r128.htm>

Question 2

It is often argued that the existence of a “strong and vibrant civil society” is a precondition for the realization of human rights. Make a discussion of this statement using a critical approach. Then discuss whether or not there is a trend towards a “shrinking political space” for human rights advocacy in today's world. Give empirical examples to support your discussion.

Question 3

Choose one of the Sustainable Development Goals and discuss how the goal and its related targets can be implemented. Address the Goal from a human rights perspective and give reasons for why / why not human rights can be invoked to give added strengths to the implementation of the Goal.

Total length of the essay: 2500 words.

Please be sure that you refer to literature in the Syllabus. Also, be cautious about the structure of the paper, and answering all parts (questions) of the assignment.